

Memorandum

TO : Director of Basic Intelligence
THRU : Executive Assistant, OBI
FROM : Chief, Cartography Division, OBI

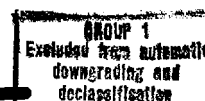
DATE: 14 July 1966

SUBJECT: Proposed Atlas on Communist China

1. In furtherance of the USIB directive to develop basic information on Communist China, the Cartography Division requests permission to prepare a general purpose folio on the country. Since there is a critical need in the Intelligence Community, and the academic world, for basic substantive map information on China, this project appears to have considerable merit. Numerous requests for maps, both by the Division and the Map Library, attest to the lack of basic information, and, in order to fill this gap, we propose to allocate part of our production capability in CD/F and CD/T to producing a folio on a relatively high priority basis. The folio proposed will be similar in size and format to the small, general purpose version of the Indochina Folio produced in 1965. Hopefully, it can be published as an unclassified version for the widest possible distribution.

2. If approved, the folio would have the following specifications and content:

Size: 17 3/4 vertical, 21 1/2 horizontal
Cover: Flexible stock, comb binding on left
Scale: 1:10,000,000 (except regional maps)
Colors: 4-5 colors, including terrain
Paper: Dullcote (same as used in Indochina atlas)
Quantity to be printed: 5,000 prints of each map, 1,000 bound copies for initial distribution (quantity will depend on classification)
Classification: Unclassified, or as low as possible
Contents: 1. Contents page (no tabular separations)
2. Orientation Globe
3. General map with terrain
4. Regional - North East 1 - 4,500,000 - with terrain
5. Regional - North 1 - 4,500,000 - with terrain
6. Regional - South 1 - 4,500,000 - with terrain
7. Regional - Tibet 1 - 4,500,000 - with terrain
8. Regional - Sinkiang 1 - 4,500,000 - with terrain
9. Railroads
10. Roads
11. Administration
12. Population
13. Vegetation



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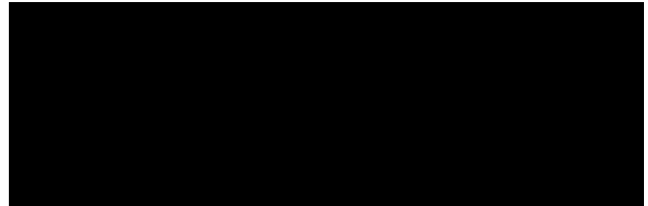
14. Precipitation
15. Ethnic Groups
16. Selective Industries (possibly 2 maps)
17. Mining
18. Electric Power
19. Agriculture

Tentative Publication Date: 1 January 1967

Cost: No estimates have been worked out at this time. It should be noted, however, that many of these maps will be done as singleton requests on a routine basis if not prepared specifically for the folio.

3. The production of a Communist China folio has been discussed with GD/BI and MLD/BI, both of whom fully support it. GD/BI and other components of the Agency, as well as, DIA, will provide substantive assistance, if needed.

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